

To the HONOURABLE,
The **Knights, Citizens, and Burgesſes**, in Parliament
Aſſembled.

The Humble Petition of James Percy, of the Family of the Earls of Northumberland;

Humbly ſheweth,

THat the Petitioner having in all humility Addreſſed himſelf to the Right Honourable the **houſe of Lords**, that he might have Liberty to make appear to their Lordſhips, That he was the next and immediate Heir-Male to *Josceline*, the late Earl of *Northumberland*, their Lordſhips were pleas'd by their Order, to appoint a time for a Hearing of the ſame, and the Petitioner expecting a full Hearing, accordingly got ready many Depoſitions of Credible Perſons, and had many living Witneſſes and Records, and Registers there preſent, whereby the Petitioner doubted not, but as plainly to have ſatiſfied their Lordſhips of the Truth of his Deſcent and Pedigree, as it is poſſible for any ſuch Matter to admit of; And this Petitioner, after ſo many Thouſand pounds expended by himſelf and his Relations, in ſearching for, and obtaining the Records and Proofs aforeſaid, and in purſuing his ſaid Right and Title, deſiring onely one full and final Hearing of his ſaid Proofs and Evidences, and to be Concluded by it for ever after, and then deſire, and was contented to ſuffer, if he did not plainly prove his being the next of Blood, as aforeſaid; yet it was their Lordſhips Pleaſure, not only to deny the Hearing of the Proofs, but alſo to ſend the Petitioner to the ſeveral Courts of Juſtice in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, with a Mark that he was a falſe Pretender; that thereby, as your Petitioner conceives he might be deprived from all hopes from thence alſo: That the Petitioner is informed, That ſome perſons are ſince endeavouring to obtain an Act to paſs this Honourable Houſe, for ſetling irrevocably, great part of the Earl of *Northumberland's* Eſtate, which was given to the Late Duke of *Monmouth* for want of Iſſue-Male of the ſaid Earl, as was then believ'd, whereby the Petitioner will be utterly deprived of all Remedy for Recovery thereof, though he hopes by publication of divers of his plain and undeniable Proofs, yet to obtain the favour of one fair Hearing, and to ſatiſſie the World of the Truth and Juſtice of his Right and Claim.

The Petitioner therefore humbly prays, That this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to deſerr for a time, the Paſſing of the ſaid intended Act, the Petitioners Right being a Matter of no ſmall Concern;

And Your Petitioner ſhall ever pray, &c.

James Percy.